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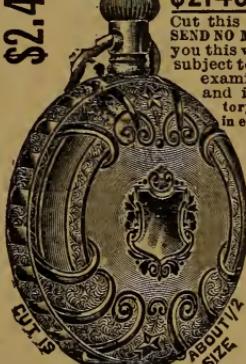
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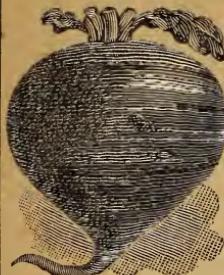
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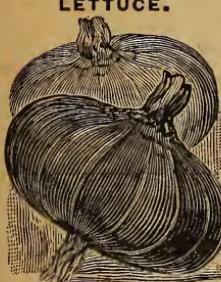
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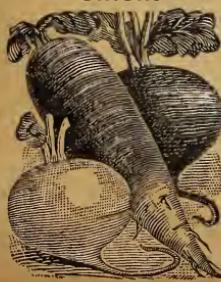
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Petunias.—These bloom well in the house in winter if given a sunny exposure. A temperature of from 55° to 70° suits them, and the air should be kept moist by evaporation. Water moderately, and see that the drainage is good. If the soil is tenacious and insufficiently drained, or if the atmosphere is dry and hot the buds are liable to blast. The single-flowered sorts are the most desirable for winter-blooming, and the fading flowers should be regularly removed to prevent seeding, which is prejudicial to free and continuous blooming.

Heliotrope.—The soil for Heliotropes should be composed of turfy loam, leaf mould and sand. As the pots fill with roots shift into ones a size larger, always giving good drainage. If the soil, drainage and shifting are neglected the foliage is liable to an attack of the fungus which causes it to turn black and dry up.

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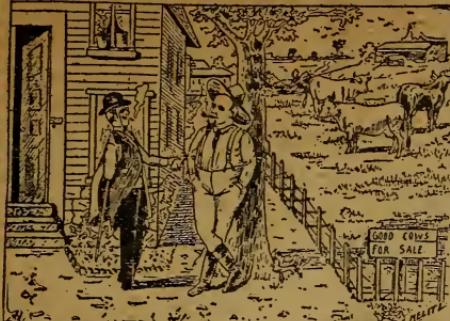
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Cactuses.—Cactuses should have a dry atmosphere and a porous, sandy soil. As a rule water sparingly. If these requirements are neglected the roots are liable to decay and the plants will turn yellow and die.

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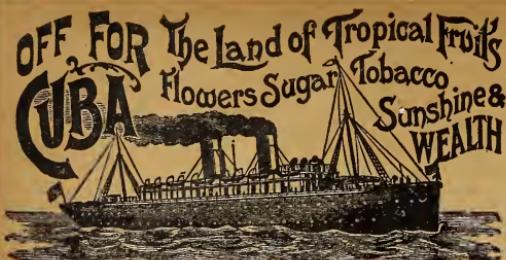
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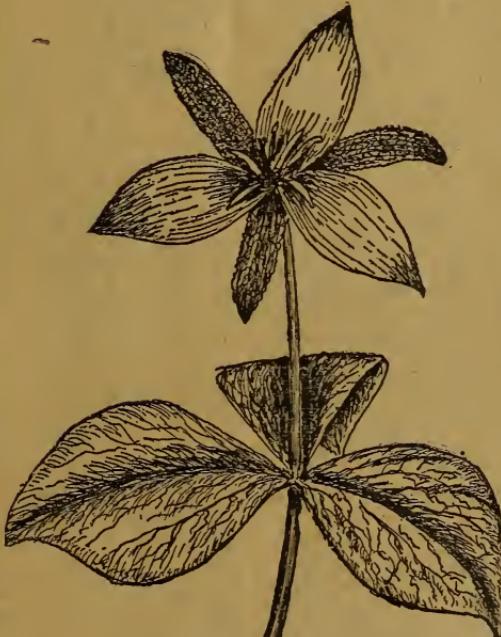
BELONGING to the Lily-of-the-Valley Family we find growing in the moist woods and thickets of the States east of the Rocky Mountains, six or seven species of Trillium. They are spring-growing and spring-blooming plants, always with a whorl of three showy leaves borne upon a strong, radical, scape-like stalk, mostly a foot high, and producing from the center a flower with three sepals, three petals, and six anthers.

The common species are readily distinguishable. *T. sessile* has broad, blotched stemless leaves, and a stemless, fragrant flower in the center of the whorl. *T. recurvatum* has rather small leaves narrowed into slender stems; flowers stemless, with re-curved sepals and erect or unopened petals. *T. erectum* has broad, stemless leaves and open, ill-scented flowers borne on a stem two or three inches long. *T. cernuum* has broad, stemless leaves and bears a small flower upon a stem which turns abruptly at its base, hiding the little flower beneath the whorl of foliage. *T. undulatum* has broad, pointed leaves with short stems, and white, purple-

veined, open flowers with a wavy margin. *T. nivale* is a diminutive species, less than six inches high; flowers small, with a short stem, and with filaments and anthers of equal length.

The most attractive and beautiful of the genus, however, is *T. grandiflorum*, shown in the engraving. It grows from one to two feet high, bears handsome foliage, and a long-stemmed, large, open, pure white flower with showy green sepals. It blooms rather later in the season than the other species mentioned, and the flowers are succeeded by large, globular berries which, unlike most of the others, are black in color. In common with others, it has a thick, fleshy root, and is easily transplanted to the garden, where it thrives in a

rich, porous, moist soil, and a shady situation. The accompanying sketch of this species was prepared from a dried, pressed specimen sent to the Editor from Illinois. It will give the reader a general idea of the appearance of the various species described, if the variations noticed are borne in mind.



TRILLIUM GRANDIFLORUM.

ground. When cold weather comes pot it for the house, give plenty of water and a warm temperature, and you will eventually have a fine plant. I have one which is a little more than four years old. It is a beautiful plant about two feet high and more than five feet in circumference.

Mrs. J. M. de Moll.

Burlington Co., N. J., Jan. 11, 1899.

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To Destroy Black Gnats.—The little black gnats or small flies which injure plants may be destroyed by dusting about the plants with insect powder. The plant window should be enclosed by a curtain of cloth or paper to keep the insects from escaping while the air is impregnated with the dust, otherwise the work may be in vain. These flies appear in the larval state as "white worms" in the surface soil, and can be destroyed by watering the soil with hot red-pepper tea, hot tobacco tea or camphor water. Apply these liquids while the soil is dry, otherwise the result may be disappointing.

Life of Perennial Pea.—The Perennial Pea, Lathyrus latifolius, is a true perennial vine, and will live and grow and bloom beautifully in any rich, sunny, moist soil. There is no plant more tenacious of life. Once started it will live for scores of years. A subscriber in Michigan, eighty-four years of age, who purchased a plant of Perennial Pea from the Editor during the first year of his business life, writes, "Mrs. Dr. N., of Hammonton, N. J., informs me that the Perennial Pea plant you sent to me thirty-one years ago is alive and thrifty." Can any subscriber make a better report?

REMOVING SUCKERS.

MANY plants throw up suckers or sprouts from the base of the stem or from the roots, and an enquirer asks if these should be removed. Their removal depends upon the character of the plant, or its habits. The Chrysanthemum always throws up branches from the base after it is through blooming. These can be taken off and started as cuttings, or some of them may be allowed to remain for future blooming, the old stalk being cut away. The same is true of Cinerarias and many other plants. The Begonia rubra issues strong shoots from the roots, as also the various species of Asparagus. These should never be disturbed. They should be allowed to replace the old stalks. Where the plant is of a shrubby character, however, and the health and blooming qualities are satisfactory, it is well to remove any suckers that appear, as they will draw upon the vitality of the plant, and soon weaken or destroy it.



Leucojums.

—A California sister encloses a flower of Leucojum and requests its name. There are two species, well known as hardy bulbs. L. vernum is the early spring-blooming sort, dwarf in habit, and with but one flower on a scape. L. aestivum is the Snowflake. It blooms in early summer, growing a foot high, and bearing a cluster of little drooping flowers at the summit of its scape, as shown in the sketch. Both are tenacious of life, and once started will take care of themselves. The proper time to get the bulbs is in autumn.

Crown End of Gloxinia.—A FLORAL sister writes that on the smooth part of her Gloxinia tuber, the part she takes to be the base, there are two large sprouts which appear like young leaves starting. She wants to know if she shall place this end downward in planting. If there is a vestige of green sprouts it indicates that this is the crown end, and should be placed upward and protrude above the soil. The roots are small and fibrous, and do not have the appearance of sprouts. They issue from the base, while the green, leafy sprouts issue from the crown.

A BLOTTCHED TRILLIUM.

MRS. BISHOP, of Ingersoll, Ontario, sends the Editor a showy, pressed, flower specimen, with the following note:

"Mr. Park:—I am enclosing in this a Trillium we found in the woods the other day. I never saw any like it before. The green band upon each leaf is so odd! Is it a freak, or an ordinary coloring of the flower?"

The flower is represented in the sketch. It is probably a freak, as such distinct markings are rarely seen in flowers of the



Trillium, though occasionally a green shading may be noticed in the bloom of certain species. The foliage of various species of Trillium, however, is often found distinctly blotched or spotted with chocolate, giving it a peculiar and attractive appearance.

Now that the readers have their attention turned to these interesting native flowers many strange things about them will doubtless be noted and reported. Such reports are always gladly received by the Editor.

A Few Hardy Everblooming Roses.—Here are the names of a few select everblooming Roses that are hardy south of New York, when planted out in the spring so as to become well established before winter: Hermosa, rose-pink; Appoline, shell-pink; Queen's Scarlet, crimson-scarlet; Madam Louis Henry, cream-yellow; White Maman Cochet, white; Archduke Charles, variegated; Clotilde Soupert, peach-white. Marie Guillot, the finest formed of white Roses, Francisca Kruger, deep yellow, and La France, one of the sweetest and handsomest of all, might be added to the list, but are not always hardy at the North. With proper protection in winter the above named Roses may be successfully grown as far north as Canada.

ABOUT ACALYPHA SANDERIANA.

ACALYPHA SANDERIANA is a shrub, with beautiful, dark green, shining foliage, and a long, fluffy, scarlet "tail" of bloom produced at the axil of every leaf. It is propagated from cuttings of the young wood, and is of the easiest culture, requiring only partial shade, a rich loam, plenty of root space, a rather warm temperature and liberal watering. Sponging the leaves weekly with soapy water will keep off red spider and any other pests that might attack it if neglected. A young plant begins to bloom when but a few inches high, and for months afterward you may expect it to continue its display of flowers. It is certainly the most desirable novelty for the window garden that has been introduced for many years, and deserves a place in every window collection.

Although new with us this Acalypha has been known as a garden plant in some Oriental countries for nearly a century. A colored drawing of it dated 1812 is in the Kew herbarium. It was then named *Caturus speciflorus*. Sir Joseph Hooker described it as *A. hispida*, and Rumphius as *Cauda felis* or cat's tail. The specific name *Sanderiana* was given it by Mr. N. E. Brown, of Kew gardens, when it first flowered at the Sander Nurseries in 1896. A writer in the *English Garden* says:

"Under cultivation the plant has exceeded the expectations formed from the collector's description, the specimens shown by Messrs. Sander at the Ghent Quinquennial, and at the Temple Show this year being really wonderful, whether viewed as examples of cultural skill, or as decorative plants. I have seen the plant under cultivation ever since its introduction, and from its behavior I should call it a gardener's plant *par excellence*, as it grows freely, and is practically always in flower. The tails attain a length of twenty-one inches, and the thickness of a man's thumb, whilst in color they are of a vivid crimson, and in consistency resemble the plush-like fabric known as *chenille*."

Carnations.—To have stocky, thrifty Carnations for winter-blooming secure young plants in the spring, pot them in small pots and shift them into larger pots as they grow till they occupy five-inch pots; then plunge the pots deep in the soil, in a sunny situation, and cut out any blooming stalks which appear during the summer. In September take the pots up, shift into six-inch pots, and encourage growth till frosts appear, when they should be given a place in the conservatory or plant window. Keep close to the glass, so that they may have plenty of light, and syringe regularly. Avoid keeping the soil too wet. Thus treated there will be no complaint of spindly plants or sparing bloom.

ABOUT NARCISSUS.

THE following note came to the Editor with three pressed specimens of Narcissus flowers:

Mr. Park.—Will you please name the three flowers enclosed? They are all of the Narcissus family, but there has been some discussion



among some of my flower friends about them, and I promised to write to you and send a specimen of each, that you may settle the question. I hope I have not put you to too much trouble. Respectfully yours,

E. R. Shuck.

Bedford Co., Pa.

That all may understand the question sketches of the flowers submitted have been prepared, and appear upon this page. Number 1 is a flower of medium size, the perianth sulphur yellow, and the crown or cup of medium length and of an orange color. This is known as *Narcissus bicolor breviflorus*. Number 2 is white with a very shallow, frilled orange cup, and is a variety of *Narcissus poeticus*. Number 3 is a double flower, white, the same size as the Poet's Narcissus, and is really a double-flowered variety of *Narcissus poeticus*. It is often called the Gardenia-scented Narcissus, the flowers having a fancied resemblance to a Gardenia or Cape Jasmine flower, and deliciously fragrant.

There are many hybrids among the members of the Narcissus family, and the classification has baffled the efforts of all the botanists who have attempted it. Scientific nomenclature, on this account, varies greatly in different bo-

tanical works upon the subject, and the florists in many instances have a classification of their own. *N. bicolor breviflorus* is a hybrid and usually classed as a Pseudo or bastard Narcissus. The flower of *N. Poeticus* submitted is probably of the variety described as *N. poeticus patellaris*, as it has broad "petals" and a saffron cup, while the true Poet's Narcissus has medium "petals" and a scarlet-edged cup. The double flower, No. 3, is regarded as a monstrosity, and a writer in The Dictionary of Gardening describes it under the name of *Narcissus poeticus petallaris pleno albo cum crocero*. Oh! Doesn't that settle the question?

Crimson Rambler.—The Crimson Rambler is highly praised by some as a thrifty, hardy, free-blooming, and beautiful double cluster crimson Rose for a trellis or wall, or wherever a climbing Rose is desired. It is not an everblooming Rose, as is the Empress of China. It blooms but once in a season, and that during the summer. In certain seasons and situations it is troubled with mildew, and on this account is discarded by some persons who have repeatedly tried it; but generally the reports concerning it are good, and seem almost flattering. It is worthy of a trial.

Damping Off.—This is mostly caused by a fungus which covers the soil and attacks the tender stems of young plants at the surface of the ground, causing them to turn black, and the plants to fall over and die. The best remedy is to give more air and remove the fungus by picking it out with a pin or fine knife blade. If the plants are large enough it is well to pot them off singly or transplant them. The

FIGURE 1.



FIGURE 2.



FIGURE 3.

fungus is almost invisible, and appears as very fine threads, when picked out of the soil.

WHERE BEAUTY LIES.

LET each person look over his or her lawn, or lot, or farm, as the case may be, and see how it can be improved by dividing hedges and clumps of shrubbery. I think the more ground one has the less they feel the need of adorning it, as a general thing. Look at farms that you have known from your youth up, with the one stiff clump of Lilacs, the tiny patch of a "posey bed," and not a shade tree or hedge row on the place. Now, instead of this suppose the Roses are planted in a hedge between the vegetable garden and the orchard, the Lilacs and Syringas make a shady walk down to the henhouse, a double row of Sunflowers in front of the plum trees to cut off the view of the pig pen. And in the town lot let the driveway be arched with trees, the sheds completely covered with grape vines, in front of which may be a hedge of Roses or flowering shrubs. Cover the fences with Morning Glories, and the barn with Ampelopsis. Let the porches be overrun with Wisteria, Trumpet Creeper, Honeysuckle and Climbing Roses. Hedge off the vegetable garden, and make delightful little walks and cosy nooks. And see then if life is not better worth living. Maude Meredith.

Dubuque Co., Iowa.

My Oleander.—My Oleander holds up its six large bunches of bloom and about a dozen buds as bright as if it were July, though the weather is 23° below zero. I never put it in the cellar, for it is such a sure bloomer and so pretty that I always keep it in the window. I have it in a bushel basket, which is deeper than a tub, therefore better, as the roots like to go down. The soil is a rich leaf-mould with plenty of sand. I water it every day, and give it plenty of sunlight. I wash it often to make it look bright and clean. My plant is two and one-half years old, and was a mass of bloom all summer, and late in the fall had sixteen bunches of bloom at one time. In fact it blooms nearly all the time. I think Oleanders must need an annual rest, and I try to give that through the summer, instead of placing in the cellar in winter. I also give the plant plenty of good liquid manure, which it must have to do any good. C. M. P.

Boone Co., Neb., Feb. 9, 1899.

Clintonia borealis.—This is a native plant found in high altitudes in the Eastern States. It has parallel-veined leaves, not unlike those of Orchidaceous plants, and the flowers are yellowish green, produced in umbels at the summit of a slender scape, and are succeeded by handsome blue berries. W. C. T.

Juniata Co., Pa., Feb. 6, 1899.

SUMMER OXALIS.

THESE flowers did not amount to anything with me. I do not know whether to lay it to the bulbs, the season, or the climate. Mine were the first ever tried in the neighborhood. They were received one afternoon in April, potted at once, and next morning a cluster of buds appeared. This reads incredible, but it is, nevertheless, true. Every bulb blossomed before a leaf showed. The plants were bedded out, and made a few leaves. In the fall they were put in a hanging basket with other varieties, but have not started yet. Some of them cost five cents apiece. I think them expensive, as one would need hundreds to make a border.

Eliza Bradish.

Worcester Co., Mass., Jan. 24, 1899.

[NOTE.—The plants of summer-flowering Oxalis are valuable only for summer decoration. Set thickly in a bed they bloom well throughout the season. They should be purchased by the hundred or thousand. They increase rapidly, and a few bulbs will soon multiply sufficiently to plant a large bed.—ED.]

Dicentra canadensis.—This pretty perennial is popularly known as Squirrel Corn. It is a native species, being found in rocky woods from Canada to Kentucky. It grows about one foot in height, and blooms during the months of May and June. The flowers are cordate ovate in shape, and quite fragrant. The foliage is green and fern-like. The plant takes kindly to cultivation. C. E. Parnell.

Floral Park, N. Y.

[NOTE.—A more showy and handsome species of Dicentra is that known as Dutchman's Breeches, *D. cucullaria*, the flowers of which are broader, borne in long racemes, and of a creamy yellow, often tinged with lovely pink. A third species, easily domesticated, is *D. eximia*, which bears purplish-pink flowers in panicles. The genus was originally named "Bicuculla," from the Latin, meaning double-hooded, and is now scientifically classed under this name. It embraces about fourteen species, natives of North America and western Asia. Some are variously known as Dielytra, Fumaria and Corydalis.—ED.]

Shoo-Fly Plant.—We found the Shoo-fly Plant a rank, coarse-growing weed, with a flower like a very inferior Petunia blossom. We tried it in the window, on the porch, and in the garden. In the window I thought it attracted flies. The seeds germinated quickly. I think from a half packet I had over one hundred plants. I transplanted them here and there in my flower beds, and when they began to blossom pulled them up, satisfied with one more lesson, that is, not to buy every novelty. Hans says we might know a novelty is "no goot," "if lauded to the skies."

Mrs. A. M. D.

Livingston Co., N. Y., Jan. 16, 1899.

GLENWOOD BROOK.

Away from the haunts and the marts of men,
In the deepest shade of a darksome glen,
Where the wild ferns sweetly wave in the breeze,
And the vines cling softly to slumbering trees,
A glad stream that murmurs a wild-wind strain,
For it has its fount in the woods' domain,
Hies with gladsome song on its endless way,
Though it lingers at times it cannot stay.

It will give no thought to the blooms that die,
Though it bears their life as it passes by,
It will give no thought to dull decay,
But it fills the air with its joyous lay.

It is rich with the scent of the Roses' breath,
And the fragrant Daffodils' early death;
It has kissed the tomb where the Bluebells lie,
And the fragrant beds where the Violets die;
While it flows alike for the Rose or weed,
Through the dreamful vale or the grassy mead.

It could tell strange tales of the Ice-Folk age.
Of the Indians' life it has many a page;
It could tell when the first of the flowers awoke,
And has kissed the feet of the giant oak;
The wild doves have come to its limpid pool;
And have drank and bathed in its waters cool.

Past the old farmhouse it is flowing on,
In the evening twilight and early dawn;
It awakens memories bitter-sweet,
And those happy childhood days repeat,
While it bids all weary forebodings cease,
And uplifts the soul in a tranquil peace.

Champaign Co., O.

Anna Bodey.

THE TRAILING ARBUTUS.

"Throw aside the white blanket of snow drifts,"
Mother Nature now calls to the sun,
"Where hiding 'neath pine-needle cover
Is Arbutus, my darling sweet one,
"Her cheeks are as pink as the day dawn,
As she slumbers 'neath cover of brown;
From the blue and white realms of sky-land
Oh, golden-crowned Sun-god look down,
"And awaken young Arbutus fragrant,
Say 'No longer on earth's bosom lie,
For you must be herald of springtime,
And of flowers to come by and by.
"Come forth little pink-cheeked Arbutus,
Advance guard of the army now near,
Of floral procession triumphant,
Spring's darling, the first to be here."

Merrimack Co., N. H.

Ray Lourance.

STORMY NIGHT.

A wild storm worries the world to-night
And trails its sable skirt o'er the wold
Bat-winged phantoms haste their flight
To loosen the tortures of sleet and cold;
Clouds are thick on the face of the sky,
Chaos and lawlessness hold their reign;
The rudder has slipped from the Grasp on high;
Will peace ever brood on these barrens again?
Ah, hush, weary heart; look up to the rift
In the clouds but lately tempest driven;
Behold the clear North Star doth lift
His eye, and shine once more in heaven;
The rude winds sob and sigh and mutter,
Passing like ghosts to the farthest night;
The stars' bright banners flash and flutter,
And summon the world to peace and light.
Elk Co., Kan. *Bessie Johnson-Bellman.*

SPRING FLOWERS.

The flowers that bloom in the summer
Are beautiful and bright,
They are rich and gay and brilliant,
But not so fair in our sight
As the sweet and pale spring blossoms
That are first to greet our eyes
When the dreary winter's over,
And the cold winds cease their sighs.

The first little dainty Snowdrop,
The Hyacinths pure and sweet,
Make way for gayer blossoms
And die beneath our feet;
But the gaudy blooms that later
Arise to take their place
Seem to have a different story,
Writ on an older face.

They are like the deeper pleasures
That passing time doth bring,
When we have lost enjoyment
In every little thing;
When our hearts, grown sadder, older,
Need more to make them gay,
And youth's pure, simple pleasures
We value not to-day.

We've lost the power to enjoy them,
Could we live our life again;
But still we love the memory
Of what so charmed us then;
And the sight of the early blossoms
Fills the heart with youthful zest,
And that, I think, is the reason
We love the spring flowers best.

Edna Evelyn.

ARBUTUS FLOWERS.

A lover sought the woodland o'er
Through early morning hours,
For fickle spring's most fragrant store,
Arbutus the fairy flowers;
By fallen tree in sunny glade,
Where snows were melting fast,
Beside a tiny, clear cascade,
He found the prize at last.

Pale pink and white 'mid leaves of green,
Sweet gems he gathered there,
And bore in triumph from the scene,
A gift to maiden fair;
Then laid the offering at her feet,
And lingered by her side
To tell love's story ever sweet,
And win a blushing bride.

Bradford Co., Pa. *Ruth Raymond.*

A LATE-BLOOMING AURATUM LILY.

Gone are the Daisies and sweet Pansy faces,
And Roses; their season for blooming is past;
But my Gold-banded Lily, my sweet Japan Lily
Has shyly withheld her bloom till the last.
Nasturtiums still blooming are high on the trellis,
But the rest of the posies are running to seed,
And well knew my Lily, my wise Japan Lily,
The later the blooming the better the deed.

E. K.

New London Co., Conn., Sep. 13, 1898.

[Note.—Auratum Lily bulbs kept in good condition till late in May, then planted eight inches deep in a sunny place and kept well cultivated, will bloom just before the frosts of autumn.—ED.]

WATER LILY FAILURE.

I DUG a nice little pond in a swampy place, and placed therein two Water Lilies. One had two blossoms, and the other three, and I felt myself on the high road to success. But, alas, my bright visions melted away when, after putting in a good, healthy appearance the following spring, something began to eat the leaves, and even the leaf stalks down to the very mud in the bottom of the pond. Determined to rescue at least one of my pets I took the garden rake and fished out a plant which I kept through the summer in a three-gallon jar. It made quite a growth of leaves during the summer, and I put it in the cellar through the winter. Next year I had a barrel sawed in half, sunk one of the pieces in the earth, and put the Lily in it, keeping it full of water all summer. It grew lustily, but produced "nothing but leaves." So I have left it out to die this winter, thinking that it costs more than it comes to for me to try to grow Water Lilies.

A. C. W.

Washington Co., Vt.

Cosmos.—I transplant my Cosmos when about twelve inches high, part of them into pots and boxes, four plants in an eight-inch pot or box. These grow straight, without branching. The remainder I put in the garden, giving plenty of room. They grow bushy by pinching out the tops. In the fall those in the garden can be lifted when in bud, or even in blossom, before the frost comes. I take in the house and fill all the windows with them. They are so tall the pots or boxes should stand on the floor. Treated in this way Cosmos plants are fine, and one cannot help but admire them.

E. L. F.

Kalamazoo Co., Mich.

Pansies All Summer.—I spade up a bed for Pansies on the north side of the house, put in plenty of manure, and after well mixed with the soil I plant two rows of Pansy plants, setting them a foot apart each way, and keeping them well-watered. They receive the sun till nine o'clock, and are then shaded till four o'clock in the evening. I never saw plants more free-blooming in hot weather than mine were. There was not a day all summer when the plants were not covered with flowers, and large ones, too.

Mrs. J. S. Dutton.

Douglass Co., Wash., Jan. 8, 1899.

Cinnamon Vine.—I have a Cinnamon Vine growing at the corner of my porch that is simply grand. I can sit on the porch and enjoy the sweet fragrance. It is a nice clean vine for the porch, and so hardy. Try a Cinnamon Vine.

Douglass Co., Mo.

M. A. Goss.

CARE OF AZALEAS.

THE soil considered best for Azaleas is a light, fibrous loam, such as can be secured by mixing equal parts of good loam and peat soil. When peat cannot be obtained use a mixture of good loam and sand. In potting provide ample drainage. Give a good exposure to light, but shield from the direct rays of the sun in mid-day. In summer they should be plunged up to the rim of the pot in sand, coal ashes or soil. Coal ashes will prevent the access of worms to the pots but they must not be plunged on a sunny day: a rainy day is best, and when there is a promise of several rainy or cloudy days. By the time the clouds have cleared away the foliage of the plant will be hardened, and able to bear sun. Cuttings will root at almost any time in fine sand and dirt by covering cutting close with a glass can and keeping quite moist.

Mrs. F. Shapley.

Dutchess Co., N. Y., Jan. 24, 1899.

My Plant Box.—When we plastered there was one box the mason used for some reason did not get carted away with the rest. One spring I had a happy thought. I set it where it would be little in the way, filled with rich earth, and sowed annuals. The first year I had a few plants each of Mignonette, Phlox Drummondii, Verbena and a good many Petunias. There were thirty-two kinds of the large fringed and ruffled Petunias. One pure white had twenty-seven blooms at once. I gave it a good wetting every night, and when the plants were full-grown very little box was visible. It was a great pleasure the entire summer.

Georgie A. Johnson.

Tuscola Co., Mich., Jan. 16, 1899.

Houstonia caerulea.—Rambling through the meadow in spring we see here and there vivid spots of blue, almost like a reflection of the skies above. If we examine these spots we find that they are dense masses of Houstonia caerulea, or Bluels, a member of the Madder family, and named for Dr. Houston, an English botanist. The presence of this flower does not speak well for the fertility of the soil, for we generally find it growing on poor land, where even the grass is scanty.

Frank Dobbin.

Middlesex Co., Mass.

Remedy for Moles.—The moles do not bother my yard or garden from the time Sunflowers are up until they are gone.

Fulton Co., Ill.

Mrs. P. H. G.

Begonia.—Begonia Madam de Lesseps has large clusters of white flowers, and is a good companion for Pres. Carnot.

Michigan.

Mrs. A.

ABOUT MOMORDICA.

AVERY beautiful annual of the Gourd Family is *Momordica Balsamina*, a flower, leaf, tendril, fruit, and seed of which are herewith shown. The seeds start readily, and in a warm, light, porous soil, with plenty of water the growth is rapid, and the plant soon covers an arbor or trellis with its dense, shining foliage, against which the bright red, ripening seed-vessels stand out in a most attractive manner. The sketch with seed and pressed specimen was sent by a FLORAL sister from Kansas, with the following note:

Mr. Editor:—Will you please tell me the name of the plant of which I enclose spray and seeds? The seeds came from Texas a year ago. It is a very rapid grower, looping and festooning its tendrils from place to place, and blooming until frost comes. It is bright and pretty in spite of dry and hot weather. The flowers are pale buff, and quite small with crimped edge. The seed-pods are pear-shaped, and when ripe a bright scarlet, each holding from five to ten flat, brown, seeds. The seeds are covered with a bright red

fruit, as well as for the dense and refreshing shade afforded. Support should be furnished as soon as the plants show a disposition to climb, to get satisfactory results. The seeds of the Balsam Apple and Balsam Pear may be purchased of almost any seedsman. Seeds of the Philippine species are not yet offered.

Chinese Primroses.—How often we read the advice to throw away old plants of Chinese Primrose when their flowering season is past. Don't do it, unless the old plants seem determined to die anyway. Thrifty old plants are much finer than young ones. The only fault with them is they occupy too much space. They are plants that will not bear crowding, as the leaf stems are very brittle. So I put two or three plants in one pot and then give them a place where nothing will interfere with them. A stool near me is occupied by a six-inch pot in which two old Primrose plants are growing and blooming.



A, leaf; b, tendril; c, fruit; d, flower; e, seed.

skin, sticky and disagreeable to handle until dry, when it very easily rubs off. The seed-pods are very tender, and burst open when ripe.—W. W., Harrington, Kas.

This pretty vine is a native of Australia, Tropical Asia and Africa, and was introduced in 1568. The common name, Balsam Apple, probably comes from the fact that the ripe fruit placed in alcohol is thought to have healing properties.

There is another species known as Balsam Pear, which is much like the Balsam Apple, but with larger stems, foliage, flowers and fruit. Its botanical name is *Momordica charantia*, and it was introduced from India and China in 1710.

Another very distinct species, bearing straw-colored flowers four inches across, and large oval red fruit, was introduced in 1820 from India and the Philippines. It is named *M. conchinensis*.

All of these Gourd vines are well worth growing, as they are desirable for the grace and beauty of their foliage, flowers and

The foliage is fine. Some of the leaves measure thirteen inches from the tip to the base of the plant.

A. C. W.

Washington Co., Vt.

Alyssum saxatile.—This is one of the choicest of hardy perennial plants, and is popularly known as Gold Dust, or Gold Thread. It is a native of the mountains of Southern Europe, and in cultivation grows about one foot in height. It has grayish green foliage, and the bright yellow, fragrant flowers are produced in so great profusion as to almost cover the plant during its season of bloom, which is during the months of May and June. It is well adapted for the mixed flower border, where it will give very satisfactory results, if given a deep, moderately enriched, well drained soil and sufficient space in which to properly develop itself.

Chas. E. Parnell.
Floral Park, N. Y.

FRESH MEAT AS A FERTILIZER.

MR. EDITOR:—A neighbor was moving away to another State, and gave me a pot with a slip of English Ivy, nicely rooted, and growing finely. It was a very thrifty-looking vine. The lady said to me. "You must dig down around the roots of this Ivy in a few days, and put in some pieces of beefsteak, if you want it to grow and thrive well. So, I had some steak one day, and cut off some scraps and tucked in around the roots, covering them up and firming the soil around the plant again. In a week or so I noticed my Ivy was drooping, so I gave it a good sprinkling, and set the pot back on the plant stand. In two or three days afterwards I looked at it again, and it appeared to be dying. I took my trowel and lifted it out of the pot, and where I had put the beefsteak the dirt was literally alive with white maggots from one-fourth of an inch to one inch in length. I took the pot out-doors and poured boiling water on, then threw the dirt out and put in fresh soil and transplanted the Ivy, but it did not live. Now, what was the meaning of that? I did just as she told me, and the meat was fresh from the butcher, and it was past fly-time. So, I cannot account for it. Can you?

Caledonia Co., Vt., Vermont Sister.

[Note.—There is nothing that will attract certain insects so readily as decaying animal matter, and whenever this appears you will find it used as a breeding nest for some insect. If you do not want insects about your plants avoid the use of fresh meat as a fertilizer. Bone dust, phosphate, lime and other materials that repel rather than attract insects are always preferable to use for enriching the soil. * * Just here might be added—that the plant might have been saved if the top had been cut off and used as a cutting as soon as it began to look sickly. Inserted in sand it would probably have sent out new roots, and become a thrifty plant.—ED.]

Sweet Peas in the South.—Keep a drill open beside the row to hold water, and the flowers will last longer. In the South Sweet Peas must not be sown in the fall, but very early in the spring. It is impossible to carry them into the hot summer. They are spring flowers only in the South, and where a vine is needed throughout summer there must be something in reserve, for we cannot have Sweet Peas.

E. F. W.

Iredell Co., N. C., Jan. 8, 1898.

Remedy for White Worms.—I mix quite a quantity of plain sand in the soil in the top of the pots, and not a worm will you see in any of them. The sand is too rough for their slimy little bodies, and so they let it alone.

A Subscriber.

Ottawa Co., Mich., Oct. 8, 1897.

FLORAL HINTS.

DO not crowd the flower garden. A few plants well cared for are more satisfactory than a greater number looking like sickly neglected orphans.

Asters should be grown early in boxes in the house, and transplanted to the garden after danger of frosts is past. Do not forget to have one bed of Balsams in the garden. If you lack space, level down the coal ashes, sow thickly, and you will be surprised when the strong, stocky plants appear to become a mass of bloom in late summer.

An evening flower bed is a delight to all lovers of fragrant flowers. First plant a Moon-flower at one side with a trellis for its support; then Four-o'clocks, Primroses and Nicotianas. Some Lilies that bloom in the night are also desirable.

Have Sweet Alyssum for border around your flower beds. It is so dainty and will bloom until snow covers its tiny leaves.

Ruth Raymond.

Bradford Co., Pa., Jan. 14, 1898.

The Burbank Canna.—Burbank, a new orchid-flowered Canna, closely similar to Austria in size, shape and color of petals, as also in vigor of growth, is reported to be superior in the substance of its flowers, as also in the texture of its leaves. These latter are said to be like rubber, and almost untearable. Mr. Burbank, the originator, notes one curious trait, and that is that after the first flower opens, if the spike is cut off with a long stem and placed in water in a warm, sunny window, the flowers keep on blooming for a week like a Gladiolus; and even if cut and thrown on the ground the buds will continue to open. So that Burbank should be ordered in preference to Austria, where one can afford but one; but the prices this season are low enough, so that most flower lovers can well afford to have both of these novel Cannas, and I am quite sure will feel well repaid for the investment.

C. H. Denniston.

Steuben Co., N. Y., Feb. 14, 1898.

Argentina.—The Silver-weed or Argentina, is common to every field and way-side. The leaves are of greenish gray, and covered at the back with soft white hairs, which look like a silver lining. The flower is bright yellow and soft as velvet. It is rather larger than a Buttercup and flatter in form. The roots are eaten in Scotland, either roasted or boiled, and some country boys lay them over a brick fire, and think them quite as nice as chestnuts. In seasons of scarcity, poor families in the Isles of Tiree and Coll, have been known to depend upon this for their daily food.

L. L.

Holt Co., Mo., Jan. 8, 1899.

THE RETURN OF SPRING.

There are Daisies bright on the meadow lands,
There is fragrance ripe where the Lilac stands,
There are pale Spring Beauties on every side,
In deep, shady nooks the Windflowers hide,
While the bloomis of Violets dot the dell
Where the snows of winter so lately fell.

There are Cowslips bright on the low morass,
The Sweet Williams nod as you slowly pass,
There are Buttercups on the grassy mead,
In shaded marshes there grows the Reed,
While the brook flows murmuring on to the sea,
From the icy chains that bound it, free.

There are Hawthorn blooms by the old stone wall;
In sweet, fragrant showers its blossoms fall;
There are Blue-bells down by the river side,
In moist shady valleys the wild Ferns hide;
The Mayflower gleams, like a jewel set
In a mass of green, where the winds blow wet.

There are songs o' love where the wild birds nest,
There are thoughts of peace where the wild
beasts rest:

The red Tulips gleam in the garden bed,
The white Lily silently lifts its head,
The Sweet Brier blooms where the cold winds
sighed;

All the world's awake to the glad springtide.
Champaign Co., O. Anna Bodey.

THE CHINESE WISTERIA.

THE first time I saw Chinese Wisteria in bloom it covered a bay window, and the great purple clusters looked like pale grapes. I thought it was the most beautiful vine I had ever seen, and I have had no reason to change my mind. In Central Park, New York, there is a famous Wisteria arbor which sight-seers are regularly sent to see in June when it blooms. On Long Island the Wisteria is pruned into a drooping tree, and the effect is gorgeous.

The vine is hardy and rugged, attaining great length. It twists itself like a strand of rope, and the flowers are in long clusters, very purple and rich. The blooms form into pods which contain seed beans. These hang on the vine all winter. The beans should be soaked in warm water in February, and started for spring growing. Plant in the seed pan, and give the same treatment as other seedlings. When it is planted place it in a sunny position where it can climb. If one wants a tree set it in an open space and train up a pole for ten feet. Then prune off constantly.

Georgina G. Smith.

Dubuque Co., Iowa, Jan. 27, 1899.

[NOTE.—*Bignonia radicans*, the Trumpet Vine, is also graceful and beautiful trained in tree form. The post that it is to support the young plant should be of locust or cypress, strong and well set, so that it will for years bear the top securely in time of storm. The *Bignonia* is ever-blooming, assumes a weeping form, and the branches terminate in great clusters of the red trumpets, succeeded by immense bean-like seed-pods. The two vines, *Wisteria* and *Bignonia*, might be successfully grown together.—ED.]

MY WALLFLOWERS.

LAST spring I received from our Editor a packet of Extra Early Wallflower seeds. I sowed them, and in due time was rewarded with about two dozen nice plants. I transplanted these into a sunny bed, where they grew and branched nicely, and in September commenced to bloom. The blossoms increased in quantity and beauty week after week, the plants actually seeming to like cold, frosty nights, and only succumbing when we had a real freeze. The blossoms were quite pretty and deliciously fragrant. About the first of October I took up a plant (the one that had blossomed least), planted it in a box, and put it in the pit, where it continued to bloom for awhile, then rested—rested a little, only to gain strength for another and better season of blossoms. I wish you could see that plant now. It is literally covered with buds and blossoms—and such blossoms! I thought those of last fall were sweet and pretty, but these are much larger and I verily believe more fragrant. I find there are many who, like myself, never knew the Wallflower before. I say to all, by all means have some Wallflowers next season.

M. D. B.

Barren Co., Ky., Feb. 28, 1899.

[NOTE.—It is a real pleasure to have this favorable report of a new and but little known flower easily raised from seeds. With the report came a pressed flower, golden yellow with chocolate pencillings, measuring two inches across, and giving the paper a rich perfume. This is the only report that has yet reached the Editor in regard to the Early Parisian Wallflower, but it is possible others have met with success in its culture. The plants start readily from seeds, and in appearance are not unlike those of Ten Weeks' Stock, and should have similar treatment.—ED.]

The Cupola for Plants.—I have discovered a fine place for wintering plants; that is, I think it is original with me, for I never have read of it anywhere. It is the cupola. Last fall when I brought in my house plants the idea occurred to me, and I immediately set to work to fit shelves nearly two feet wide around the cupola at the bottom of the window sashes. It is sufficiently heated from the hall below, and on warm days I open the windows and let in warm fresh air. Here Geraniums, Lobelias, Nicotianas, Hyacinths, etc., are blooming, and some English Violets are beginning to bud. The air seems just cool enough for them.

H. V. S.

York Co., Me., Dec. 31, 1898.

Browallia elata.—I keep *Browallia elata* in bloom by starting new cuttings every few weeks, and they seem quite an attraction, as blue flowers at this season of the year are scarce. Fred. Mulzer.

Lenawee Co., Mich., Feb. 22, 1899.

POLYANTHUS OR FAIRY ROSES.

In our Rose garden we have a bed of Polyanthus, or Fairy Roses, that wins the loud spoken admiration of every one who sees it. In the center of this bed is a two-year old cutting of Cecil Brunner, that has one tall stem this year, and bears one hundred and eighty buds by actual counting. We think the buds of this Rose much prettier than the open flower. Around it are three Roses of much smaller habit. First is Parquette, a dainty wee white Rose, perfect and sweet; the next is Perle d'or, nankeen yellow, orange and amber, like a baby Safrano, and the last is Mignonette, clear deep pink. The three Roses last named are "really truly" fairy Roses, not one of which is a foot high, yet all bear the features in form, stem, leaf, bud and blossom of their mammoth relatives, and for a child's birthday, no flower is quite so appropriate as a basket of these tiny Roses.

Marion Howard.

Santa Cruz Co., Cal.

My Aquarium.—My aquarium is 28x15x15 inches in size. In the bottom is a layer of fine sand, and an over-layer of pretty pebbles and tiny shells. Then I made three small arches of the refuse from the iron works which is commonly known as "sea foam." This was broken into small pieces and fastened together with crockery cement, and some small, pretty shells fastened on irregularly by the same means. Any small odd stones and shells might be used for this instead of the "sea foam." When the arches were all placed in position, one near each end and one in the middle, we "moved in" the plants which were gathered from the adjoining streams and ponds. Among these were Mermaid Weed, Willow Moss, Pond Weed, Duck Weed, Tape Weed, and some small plants growing on the edge of the creek, of which I do not know the name. These were weighted down with pebbles, and the water poured gently in over the upturned palms. We add tadpoles, snails, and other little water animals as we find them in our walks, and these feed upon the insects which would otherwise injure the aquatic plants. I do not have running water, as I have gold fish, and these do not require running water. The tank is filled as the water evaporates.

Mrs. D. L.

Wayne Co., Mich., Feb. 11, 1899.

Primula obconica.—One of the most satisfactory plants I have is Primula obconica. The plant itself is of neat and compact growth, and the blossoms are beautiful, profusely borne and enduring.

Washington Co., Vt.

A. W.

THE CATALPA.

Of all lawn beauties the Catalpa is the most delicate and lovely. It will grow from a seed to a tree forty feet high in the course of a generation, but for years it is more of a shrub than a tree. Its blooms are as delicate and lovely as an orchid, white with a rich hint of chocolate, and are very fragrant. They are borne in great clusters, and Roses and Lilies can not rival them. The tree blooms in June. The seeds are flat, and easily grown when sown in good soil and cared for. If the seed is sown in soft, rich garden soil it will produce a tree which will grow from five to ten feet in a season. It grows rapidly at first, and in a few years begins to assume the character of a tree, and is then more slow of growth. I have seen a venerable tree which, when in bloom, looked like a snow bank, and for blocks around the delicate fragrance gave one the idea of Sweet Alyssum.

Georgina G. Smith.

Dubuque Co., Iowa., Jan. 27, 1899.

[**Note.**—Catalpa Kämpferi is a beautiful semi-tropical tree. A young, thrifty plant will in one season make a growth of six to ten feet, bearing enormous leaves. To get the best foliage effect the plant should be cut back to one eye, and the whole energy turned to growth. A single specimen thus grown is very attractive, and when space will admit of a large, circular group the effect is gorgeous. Each plant is cut to the ground every season, and but one shoot allowed to grow. Good cultivation and liberal fertilizing will be repaid by a glorious foliage display.—ED.]

Freaks.—We have a Perpetual White Moss Rose with one branch that bears semi-double pink Roses without moss. A small shoot of the pink branch bears white Moss Roses just like the rest of the bush.

One spring we found a Violet in our corn stubble when in full bloom. The blossoms are blue like the common blue Violet, splashed and mottled with white in the oddest manner. The flowers are as large as the largest Violets, with long stems that stand up well from the foliage. It is so striking I count it among my choicest plants. My sister found a common Clover that had a few three parted leaves, and the rest were fours, fives, sixes and sevens. It has always been a regret that we did not transplant it and see if it changed with cultivation.

Georgie A. Johnson.
Tuscola Co., Mich., Jan. 16, 1899.

Petunia.—I had one Petunia plant in my garden last summer which was a beauty, having had 264 blossoms on it at one time. The blossoms were striped red and white, and were very sweet-scented. In the fall I took up the root for winter-blooming.

Mrs. B. G. Erickson.

Renville Co., Minn., Oct. 28, 1898.

SEED DISSEMINATION.

THE plants of some of our worst pests, such as Burdock, have the best means of scattering their seeds, while on the contrary our choicest wild flowers leave their seeds to an uncertain and precarious fate. This accounts for the abundance of our common weeds, and the rareness of such flowers as the Orchids. These flowers mature but few seeds here, and but one or two of these grow. In fact from the ripened seeds of the pink Ladyslipper I have never yet succeeded in starting a single plant. Our most common flowers and weeds produce a large number of seeds, nearly all of which, if they have the smallest chance, grow and thrive. The seeds of Burdock, Bur Marigold, Beggar's Lice, Crowfoot and many others have short hooks and claws attached to aid them in leaving the parent bush, and with these they cling to every passing object, and thus

vital seed, as represented at *d*. Joints are indicated at *e* and *f*, and at each of these grew clusters of burs. Figure 2 represents the common Burdock, *Lappa major*. The burs, *g*, are also armed with hooked spines, but the spines are more slender and pliable than those of Cocklebur, as a comparison of the drawings *b* and *h* will show. A withered leaf is indicated at *i*, and a seed at *j*. Figure 3 is the common Spanish Needle or Bur Marigold. *K* is the ripened cluster of seeds, of which an individual specimen is shown at *l*. Each seed, you will notice, has two long, barbed arms, *m*, which stand out prominently over the head, and attach to anything that comes in the way. The whole subject of plant distribution is interesting and well repays the special study which may be given it.—Ed.]

Plumbago coccinea.—I find this one of the most desirable winter bloomers I have. I have had my plant over two years. I did not understand its needs the first winter, and as I was desirous of having it bloom I gave it a place in a south window. It grew but little and did not bud. Before the next winter I learned from our MAGAZINE that it wanted partial shade.

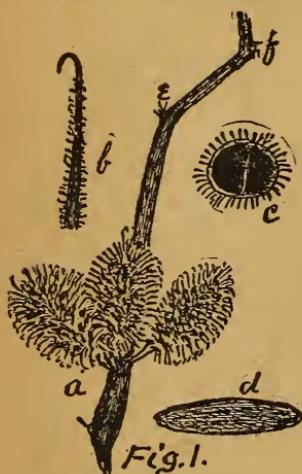


Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

are carried far and wide without cost to themselves. The Milkweed, Dandelion, Firebush and others make the winds their carrier, as each seed is attached to a tiny bundle of soft, downy hairs which serve admirably as wings. This characteristic is common among the Composite family. In new pasture lands almost covered with Rattlesnake-root I have seen a light breeze raise a cloud of seeds thus and carry them away. The seed pods of Jewel Weed and other plants snap suddenly when ripe with force enough to throw the seeds several feet.

C. H. Lovel.

Walker Lake, Pa., Jan. 28, 1898.

[NOTE.—Figure 1 shows the Xanthium strumarium or Broad Cocklebur. The burs (*a*) are armed with strong, hooked spines, one of which is shown at *b*, and as they readily separate from the stem when the seeds are ripe they adhere to anything that brushes against them, and are thus carried from place to place. *c* shows a cross section of the bur, and it will be noticed that there are two seed cavities, each of which holds a large,

placed in a west window last winter it grew nicely, and bloomed at least three months. It is a good-sized plant now, with a number of branches, and has four blooming stalks. Upon two flowers are open, the third is showing color, and the fourth is just starting. The plants continue to bud and bloom a long time, so I shall have a bright spot in my window all winter.

Iola, Kan., Nov. 30, 1898. Lide.

Manettia Vine.—I have good success with Manettia vine when I grow it in tin. It likes plenty of root room, and I think the tin cans keep it from drying out so quickly.

A Subscriber.
Ottawa Co., Mich.

Jasmine nudiflorum.—This is a beautiful Jasmine, with glossy, dark green foliage, and long, recurving branches.

Danville, Ill.

E. G. H.

BLOODROOT.

WALKING by an old wall or crossing an old meadow that has long been a stranger to the plow we may find the Bloodroot, or to give it its Latin name, *Sanguinaria canadensis*. This blossom might well be used as an emblem of mortality, for after being open only a few hours its snowy white petals fall away and leave the seed vessel on the naked stem. The handsome rounded leaves do not come to perfection until later in the season. At the time of flowering the leaves are only about one-third grown, and are wrapped around the flower bud until by the lengthening of the scape the flower is lifted out of its green covering. When the stem of the Bloodroot is broken a bright orange-red juice exudes, and no doubt to this fact and also to the color of the root is due the common name of the plant. A section of the root seen under the microscope is a beautiful object, reminding one of some triumph of the confectioner's art. Among old country people the root has long been a sovereign remedy for coughs and colds. It is extremely bitter to the taste, and probably does possess some medicinal properties.

Frank Dobbin.

Middlesex Co., Mass.

Insects on Cactuses.—Cactuses, like other plants, are apt to be infested with insects, such as scale, mealy bug and red spider. Any of these may be readily removed by a thorough syringing with water, but if badly infested a good plan is to remove from the pot, shake all soil from the roots, and wash thoroughly with fir tree oil much diluted with hot water. Directions are always on the can. Or, a tablespoonful of coal oil in a pint of milk. Or, syringe with pure alcohol with a perfume atomizer, the alcohol to be used full strength. The mealy bug is an insect measuring one-sixteenth to one-eighth of an inch in length, resembling a lump of cotton, and secretes itself between the spines. It increases very rapidly, and must be eradicated at once. Scale insect resembles a brown, raised lump, and is easily removed with a hair pin. Thrip is another very minute insect which only attacks Phyllo-cactuses. Sponging with alcohol will soon eradicate it.

Ida Belmer Camp.

Tuscola Co., Mich.

Cactus.—The true name of Pipe-stem Cactus is *Rhipsalis paradoxa*. Mine has never bloomed.

Mrs. A.

Michigan.

SOME PRETTY COMBINATIONS.

IN beds of mixed flowers one must be careful to choose plants that bloom the summer through. This is not difficult, even if one is obliged to use only annuals. Another necessity is plants of graduated sizes, and another that is most important is the combination of colors. Yellow and white is extremely dainty and satisfying, and in a dull corner such a bed would be appropriate. Plant in the center seeds of the great golden Marigolds. These are as handsome as Chrysanthemums and larger than Dahlias. They bloom from the time they are a few inches tall until after severe frosts. The plants are neat, upright and branching, the foliage bright and feathery, and the profusion of blossoms a clear, delicate yellow. After the Marigolds are sown surround them with a ring of Candytuft. Everybody knows the clusters of white, waxy blossoms it gives. You want only the white sorts. After this a ring of yellow Phlox, and last a narrow rim of white Alyssum. This bed will cost less than twenty-five cents, even if it should be a large one. It will require no extra care, and it will bloom all the summer through, with the rings of color marked as distinctly as if foliage plants had been used. Another pretty bed is made with scarlet Salvia, blue Ageratum and white Mignonette. Grow the plants in a seed bed and set them where they are to bloom. They are prettier in a careless triangle than in a set design, unless one is particularly gifted in arranging. If there is a large corner plant Sunflowers and Morning Glories in it. See that the earth is rich, keep the weeds down, and let the vines run on the Sunflower stalks. In the mornings that are to come you will be dazzled with this glory of purple and gold. Pull up any pink Morning Glories. They will spoil the effect.

E. F. W.

Iredell Co., N. C.



MEALY BUG.

Lilium auratum.—I potted my bulbs in June, in ten-inch jars, put charcoal in the bottom of the jars, and used rich potting soil. I must confess I did not expect much of Lily bulbs potted in June, but they showed strong flower stalks above ground in a few days time, and grew as fast as they could. The last week in September one opened five glorious Lilies, as large as I have ever seen, and so fragrant! The other bulb had two fine buds. Only one opened, the other being broken off accidentally. That one, however, was the largest Lily I ever saw of its kind. They have given me the Lily fever, and I want lots of Lilies to grow in pots this year.

Martha A. Clowe.

Schenectady Co., N. Y.

LILUM AURATUM.

TO me came a box of immense bulbs, the like in size I had never before seen, and the sweetest little message of good will and good wishes. "That is enough to make the Lilies grow, and make one's life as beautiful as they," I said, as I dug deep holes and very tenderly set the bulbs down in them. That was only just the other day—it seems but a week or two since, although the weeks have multiplied into months—and here are my Lilies. You would know they were here while yet you are down on the street, or away out in the garden picking plums. Everywhere, far and near, the air is filled with fragrance. And the blooms! Well, who could describe them. I set a few bulbs in pots, in woods earth with a mixture of sand, and after the tops started I set them in the back yard, partly shaded by vines. I measured the blossoms on one stalk, two blooms that measured each eleven inches across. I did not straighten out the petals as we measure a dead eagle from tip to tip, but simply held the foot-rule in front of the flower. I have given them away, have decorated the house, sent them in travelers' bouquets, raved over them myself, and still they come. The house is sweet with the odor, and big buds are still puffing up and opening on still more stalks. I have never before seen such a wealth of bloom.

Maude Meredith.

Dubuque Co., Iowa, Aug. 10, 1898.

Gourds as Flower Pots.—I have found a rather novel use for gourds. They make very nice flower pots. I use the little ones for the slips, and I have found this winter that the larger ones are very good for the Hyacinths and Tulips, as they retain the moisture well. Mrs. Strong.

Monroe Co., Ind., Feb. 5, 1899.

[**NOTE.**—The Dipper Gourds also make excellent domicils for the little house wrens. In growing, the gourds should hang, so that the long neck or handle will be straight. When dry saw off the top of the neck and project the neck through an auger hole in an out building, fitting it from the inside. Very soon the birds will find the cavity and build their nest in the gourd. The long, narrow neck-tube is a safe-guard from molestation by sparrows and other larger birds.—Ed.]

Chinese Lantern Plant.—Chinese Lantern Plant seeds germinated freely, grew quickly, and the one plant I kept in a box bloomed and had pods nearly two inches long by about one and a half inches through at the stem end. Pods began to turn bright red at the tips when a wind broke the plant off, so I cannot testify as to the quality of the fruit. The plant is now in the house and growing well, sending out young plants from every crack in the sides of the box. Mrs. P. H. G.

Fulton Co., Ill., Sept. 27, 1898.

GREVILLEA ROBUSTA.

GIF you are the possessor of a young, dingy specimen of Grevillea robusta do not condemn it as a "weed," and let the poor thing die by inches of neglect, as did mine last summer. For a time I took good care of it, but when others began to make such remarks as "It looks just like a weed, doesn't it?" I thought the time used caring for it wasted, and I had a decided and not very flattering opinion of those florists who loudly sing its praises. Furthermore, I intended submitting an article for publication, warning others not to allow themselves to be duped by these lovely fern-like representations of Grevillea in divers floral catalogues. Just think what a postage bill I undoubtedly saved by procrastination!

Well, in course of time I had the pleasure of attending a convention in a neighboring city, when my attention was attracted by the presence, among the platform decorations, of the loveliest little green tree imaginable, tall and rather slender, reminding one somewhat at a distance, of a small Lombardy Poplar, a circle of dull green near the base, probably the first year's growth, while all above it was a bright, beautiful green. Arriving early on the scene, on close examination I found that the lower story was the exact counterpart of my poor despised Grevillea. In my repentance there was a bright spot—a silver lining to the cloud. I was so glad that article was never penned, for what would the indignant editors have done to me for accusing them so wrongfully?

Wright Co., Iowa.

Mrs. E. L. S.

Dicentra.—The Dutchman's Breeches or White Heath is one of the flowers that greet us on a spring ramble. It is a near relative of the Bleeding Heart of our grandmothers' gardens. The absurd name, Dutchman's Breeches, is due to the peculiar shape of the flower. There are two varieties of the White Heath, *Dicentra cucullaria* and *Dicentra canadensis*. The latter, a more northern variety, is sometimes called Squirrel Corn, in allusion to the shape of the scaly bulb, which resembles a grain of corn in size and color. The flowers of Squirrel Corn have a peculiar glistening appearance, as though covered with dew. This variety, however, is much more rare than the *Dicentra cucullaria*, and some seasons I fail altogether to find it. The leaves of both varieties are finely cut, and make a beautiful background to the drooping racemes of flowers.

Middlesex Co., Mass.

F. D.

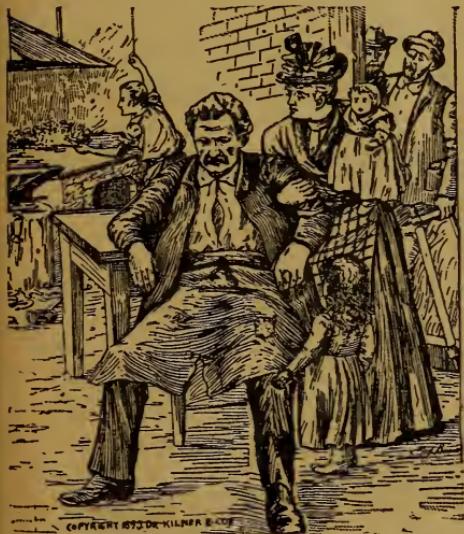


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A EUROPEAN TRIP.

LETTER NO. 19.

Adieu to thee, fair Rhine! How long delighted
The stranger fain would linger on his way!
Thine is a scene alike where souls united
Or lonely Contemplation thus might stray;
And could the ceaseless vultures cease to prey
On self-condemning bosoms, it were here,
Where Nature, nor too sombre nor too gay,
Wild but not rude, awful yet not austere,
Is to the mellow Earth as Autumn to the year.

Adieu to thee again! A vain adieu!
There can be no farewell to scene like thine;
The mind is colored by thy every hue;
And if reluctantly the eyes resign
Their cherished gaze upon thee, lovely Rhine!
"Tis with the thankful glance of parting praise;
More mighty spots may rise—more glaring shine,
But none unite in one attaching maze
The brilliant, fair, and soft—the glories of old days,

The negligently grand, the fruitful bloom
Of coming ripeness, the white city's sheen,
The rolling stream, the precipice's gloom,
The forest's growth, and Gothic walls between,
The wild rocks shaped as they had turrets been
In mockery of man's art; and these withal
A race of faces happy as the scene,
Whose fertile bounties here extend to all,
Still springing o'er thy banks, though Empires near them fall.

Lord Byron.

It was after dark when the train left the railroad depot in Mainz and moved on its way to the celebrated summer resort of Baden-Baden. I was alone in the car, and I thought over the scenes and events of the river voyage which had been so interesting to me, and anticipated the pleasure of the new scenes among the Alpine mountains so shortly to be enjoyed. The train soon reached the station of Darmstadt, where for half an hour the trainmen continued to shift cars vigorously, and such a horn-blowing, whistling and shouting as they kept up I had never before heard. There

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seemed to be dozens of men, and their horns and shrill whistles and voices could be heard from every direction. Alone, in the silent car that dark night, thousands of miles from home, an entire stranger in a strange land, I sat and listened and listened to that peculiar medley of sounds, and I cannot describe the impression they made upon me. In fancy I shall ever recall them every time I think of my ride from Mainz toward Switzerland. But at last the train began to move, and in due time reached Baden-baden, where I found pleasant accommodations in a hotel near to the depot.

The sun was shining clear and bright when I awoke, and I peered out of my room window to see the new place to which the hours of dark night travel had brought me. I was surprised, for to my admiring eye appeared high, wooded hills, a ravine with a swift-flowing, clear mountain stream, big hotels and palatial residences, surrounded by glowing beds of herbaceous plants and elegant groups of shrubbery. The flood of morning sunlight upon the picturesque scene gave it an enchanting influence, and as I looked I regretted that the responsibilities of life denied me the pleasure of a protracted stay in this earthly paradise. An hour later I was enjoying the street scenes and special attractions. I found the place delightful and interesting. The larger street wagons were mostly drawn by small oxen resembling those of our Jersey breed. Milk wagons and fruit wagons were mostly drawn by dogs. One milk wagon I noticed was drawn by a "Jersey" cow. Orchard fruits and vegetables seemed to be plentiful. Pears, apples, plums, cherries, grapes, and many other orchard fruits were in fine form here, and the vegetables were nicely prepared and apparently well developed. A quiet, restful air pervaded the place, and it seemed an ideal sanitarium for those who needed rest and refreshment. The clear mountain stream gurgled and foamed as its waters dashed from rock to rock in its rugged channel, and the sweet carol of song birds among the trees which lined its banks afforded a delightful accompaniment. The beauty and restful quietude almost encouraged wishes that life could always be spent where poetry and luxury and ease were so harmoniously blended.

But the hour for the departing train is near, and after visiting the famous hot springs, to which all travellers resort, I returned to my hotel, and was soon speeding on my way to the Black Forest and the glorious scenes of Switzerland.

Geo. W. Park.

How Some of Our Readers Can Make Money.

Last month I cleared, after paying all expenses, \$35.85; the month previous \$260 and have at same time attended to other duties. I believe any energetic person can do equally as well, as I have had very little experience. The Dish Washer is just lovely, and every family wants one, which makes selling very easy. I do no canvassing. People hear about the Dish Washer, and come or send for one. It is strange that a good, cheap washer has never before been put on the market. The Iron City Dish Washer fills this bill. With it you can wash and dry the dishes for a family of ten in two minutes without wetting the hands. As soon as people see the washer work they want one. You can make more money and make it quicker than with any other household article on the market. I feel convinced that any lady or gentleman can make from \$10 to \$14 per day around home. My sister and brother have started in the business and are doing splendid. You can get full particulars by addressing the Iron City Dish Washer Company, 60 Station A, Pittsburgh, Pa. They help you get started, then you can make money awfully fast.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Sweet Peas.—Mr. Park: I thought that perhaps you would be interested to know about the results of some Sweet Pea seeds I got from you last spring. There were nineteen seeds in the package. I planted them on the southwest side of the house in April. They commenced to bloom in August, and have kept right on blooming. On Christmas day I picked 329 stems, 150 of them having stems over nine inches long; the others all over five inches long. Dec. 31st I picked 246, mostly long stems. I have been selling them at the florists at 15 cents per dozen. We have had very little rain and very heavy frosts, but the Peas are certainly thriving. I feel sure that few of your readers can beat them. The vines are over twelve feet high. Ruth Cameron.

Alameda Co., Cal., Jan. 2, 1899.

Mr. Park:—The premium Auratum Lily sent me last spring grew about two feet high, and had three of the most beautiful flowers. I never saw Lilies so large. They were the admiration of every one passing. Several florists came to see them, and pronounced them the finest they ever saw.

Mrs. Sue Nicholson,
Lucas Co., Ohio, Jan. 8, 1899.

New Acalypha-- Absolutely Free.

I want every lover of flowers to have the lovely new Acalypha illustrated on this page, and propose to mail a fine plant absolutely free upon the following conditions: Get up a club of ten subscribers for the FLORAL MAGAZINE at 25 cents each. Every subscriber will get the MAGAZINE a year and a premium which may be selected from the list given on this page. To pay you for your trouble I will send two extra copies with premiums, your selection, and as an absolute gift a plant of the New Acalypha Sanderiana, which is without doubt the most beautiful, distinct and easily grown novelty as a flowering plant that has been introduced for years.

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25 cents' worth of seeds, selected from Park's Floral Guide, or Park's Vegetable Seed List. If you do not have these publications send for them. Free on application.

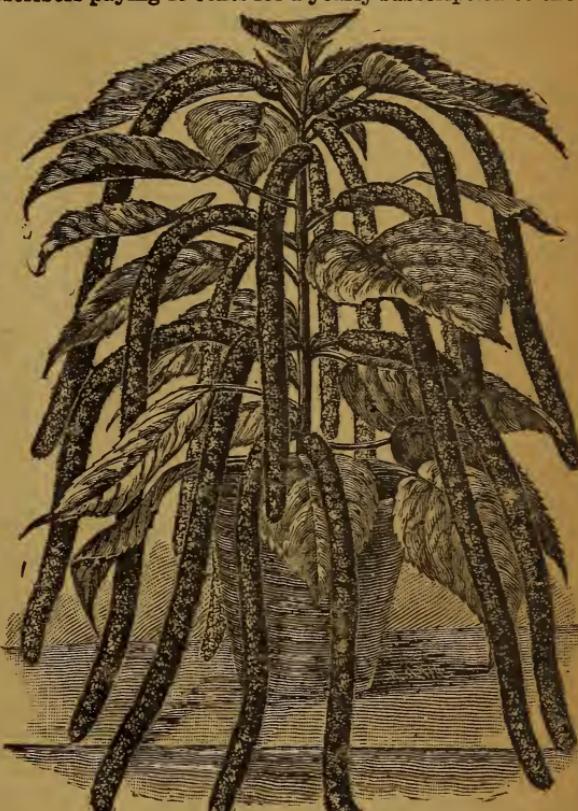
Any person paying 25 cents for a year's subscription to PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE may select any of the above premiums. Persons from Canada should select a bulb premium, as I cannot guarantee safe or prompt arrival in that country of seeds or plants, upon which there is a duty. Bulbs are admitted free.

Reader, may I not have a large club from your vicinity? Send for blank list, Booklets, samples, etc., all of which with other information will be cheerfully sent you free. Let me hear from you at once. Address

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Park's Surprise List of Choice Roses. Window and Garden Plants, Bulbs and Tubers will be ready to mail by May 1st. It will contain truthful descriptions, beautiful illustrations, and much practical floral information, together with surprising offers. Send for it.



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"BREAK THE — TO MOTHER."

Can you guess the missing word in the above sentence marked by the dash? When complete it is the name of a popular ballad familiar to thousands of people. If you can supply the correct missing word you may get a present of \$100.00 or more in cash.

EXPLANATION. To attract special attention to our Great Family Magazine, stimulate the public to read and talk about it and secure new subscribers, thereby increasing the value of our advertising columns many fold, we will set aside one-quarter of all the subscription money we receive from March 15th to June 1st as a premium fund, to be given absolutely free to the lucky subscriber who shall send us the correct missing word represented by a dash in the above sentence. Should more than one send the correct word, the fund will be equally divided among them. There will be no capital prize; all subscribers who are correct will receive a first prize in cash. If our total receipts up to noon of June 1st should be \$5,000.00, the amount to be given away would be \$1,250.00. We do not know what the sum will be, but hope it will exceed the above figures.

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CONCLUSION. This is a form of Contest which does not require you to send any money perfect right to give away any part or all of our receipts.

We want to impress upon the mind of every reader of this advertisement the fact, that all who send in a guess at the missing word will be treated with perfect fairness. We advise you to keep a memorandum of the word contained in your guess. This plan will give you full protection and prevent any possible dispute or misunderstanding after the Contest is closed and the result is published.

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By the magic of the showers;
The bluebird and the robin
At last are here to stay;
And so we know its coming—
The baby's first birthday.

Through summer, autumn, winter,
Each day she's grown more dear,
She has kept the May-time sweetnesse
About us all the year;
The blue eyes of our darling
Have made all skies seem fair,
No sunshine can be brighter
Than her locks of golden hair.

What shall we give the baby
To show our love untold?
It's hard to choose a present
For a girlie one year old;
Too young to care for bon-bons,
For pictures or a doll,
Love and smiles and kisses
Will suit her best of all.

Carroll Co., N. H.

Mrs. W. A. Cutting.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have found your Magazine of great use to me—more so than any other I have ever taken. Mrs. J. M. de Moll.
Burlington Co., N. J., Jan. 5, 1899.

Mr. Park:—I am happy to renew my subscription for another year to the Magazine, and express my appreciation of it. Mrs. L. M. P.
Worcester Co., Mass., Dec. 19, 1899.

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Of centuries ago?
Do they but speak of One who bled
And died upon the tree,
Yet risen triumphed o'er the tomb,
The Man of Galilee?

What tidings bring the Easter bells
This resurrection morn?
The Conqueror was not God alone,
But was of woman born;
And through the gate that oped for Him
A ransomed race shall find
The glory of that Easter day
Ablaze for all mankind.

Bradford Co., Pa.

Lalla Mitchell.

A FLOWER.

'Tis only a dainty little flower
That blooms on my window sill,
Yet it breathes its sweetest fragrance
My heart with gladness to fill.

In the morning it lifts its bright face
To be kissed by the sun's warm rays,
And when it unfolds its blossoms
What loveliness it displays.

I can read in its silken petals
God's gracious love and care;
I know that its very presence
Helps me life's burden to bear.

Grace B. Catts.

Alexandria Co., Va., Nov. 14, 1898.

Mr. Park:—I formerly took your Magazine as a help to plant culture, but gave it up for a while in favor of another "guide." I have now abandoned all others and returned to yours, which I consider the best of all. Mrs. C. P.

Litchfield Co., Conn., Jan. 26, 1899.

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Mrs. B.
Barren Co., Ky., Feb. 28, 1899.

The exchange column is free, and designed to benefit every subscriber, but if there are many who have the experience above reported its purpose is not met. The statement is frequently made at the head of the column that every exchange applicant should be respected by an answer, either in plants as offered, or by card or letter, and this should be regarded as a part of the terms when insertion is requested. If any are unwilling to do this they should not offer an exchange. Of course, it should be borne in mind that those who offer to exchange are very often persons who have a household to look after, and sickness sometimes interferes with the exchange work. But in all such cases the letters should be carefully preserved, and an answer sent later. Every person preparing an exchange, however, should bear in mind that the Magazine goes into more than 350,000 homes, and should have a supply that will be likely to meet the demand. As yet but few complaints about the exchange column have come to hand. If there are many applicants treated or mistreated as our Kentucky sister, it will not be too soon to think seriously of discarding the exchange column and filling its space with something that will not bring discredit and disappointment to our readers.

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Ans.—The only sure remedy for root lice is to lift the plants, wash the roots clean, bathe them in tobacco tea, and reset in clean, fresh soil. The soil might be freed of the insects by a liberal application of lime and soot, well incorporated in autumn or early spring.

Ruellia.—I received the premium plant, Ruellia Makoyana, all right. Thank you. I am delighted with it. And, please, would you, through the Magazine, tell how the name is pronounced, and if it needs pinching to make it branch.—C. D., N. J., Feb. 27, 1899.

Ans.—The pronunciation called for is Ru-el'-li-a, the i having short sound, and Mak-oy-a-na. The plant is of branching habit, and does not require pinching.

Freesias.—My Freesias came up but did not bloom. What must I do to have them produce bloom?—Subscriber.

Ans.—To be reliable Freesias should be potted early in autumn, and kept in a cool place. They cannot be forced to bloom under four or five months. If kept in a warm, dry atmosphere the buds will almost invariably blast.

QUESTIONS.

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Franklin Co., Kas., Mar. 6, 1899.

E. Dick.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Mr. Park:—I want to say a word of praise for the Hardy Bulb Collection I received from you last fall, consisting of Tulips, Crocuses, Hyacinths, etc. To say that I had success doesn't express it. I had thirteen Hyacinth bulbs. Seven were planted in a large grape basket, and it is now a thing of beauty. I drew the scapes up with paper funnels and they are now a foot high. Every bulb bloomed, all colors, and some have two scapes. Other bulbs I grew in glasses of water, and they are beautiful. My bulb room is heated from an adjacent room. I always keep my bulbs in a cool place. My basket of Freesias will be in bloom for Easter. The buds are coming now. I placed three Sacred Lilies in a large bowl, and they grew. My! My! The foliage was beautiful, and one bulb had nine flower scapes. They were lovely. Now the outdoor bulbs are sending up their tender scapes through the covering of their beds, and the Crocuses are blooming, so I am well pleased with the bulbs and with my success.

Mrs. J. A. Cowden.

Creek Co., I. T., Mar. 13, 1899.

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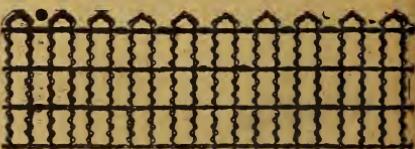
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Mr. Park:—I hail with delight the coming of your Magazine. It has been a monthly visitor since 1892. I send all extra copies to correspondents, and several have subscribed. I would like copies of the Magazine issued before 1896, for which I will exchange plants or reading. Persons having such please write.

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Mrs. M. C.

Lincoln Co., Wash., Mar. 13, 1899.

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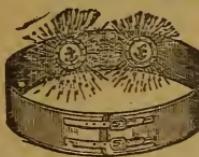
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Laura Johnson.

Delaware Co., Ind., Feb. 27, 1899.

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Mrs. Lucy Orr.

Van Wert Co., O., Feb. 24, 1899.

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Ont., Can., Jan. 14, 1899. E. C. Farnoide.

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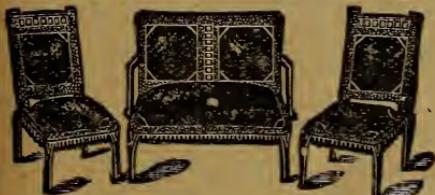
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Dear Mr. Park:—I am nine years old and have a little sister, Lota, five years old. I get lots of pleasure watching my flowers. I like Pansies, Sweet Peas, Carnations and Nasturtiums. I go to school. I am going to try to get up a club for flower seeds. Violet Orvis.

Franklin Co., N. Y., Feb. 14, 1899.

Dear Mr. Park:—My mamma takes your Magazine, and we like it very much. I have three sisters younger than myself. Their names are Nina, Zella and Glennie. I will be eleven years old the 31st of March. Please send me some of your circulars and I will try and get a few subscribers for you. I love flowers very much. Hazel D. Smith.

Oscoda Co., Mich., Mar. 10, 1899.

Dear Mr. Park:—I like flowers very well. I live in the country. I like your Magazine, and read the poetry and little letters. Can anyone tell me how to get Roses from seed to bloom? May Larson.

Swift Co., Minn., Mar. 8, 1899.

Dear Mr. Park:—I take your Magazine, and like the Children's Corner very well. I enclose a club of two subscribers. Hattie Huston.

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Knottsville, Va., Feb. 28, 1899.

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Whitman Co., Wash., Feb. 17, 1899.

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Zillah Camp.

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Maggie Wies (age 11).

White Co., Ill., Mar. 15, 1899.

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QUESTIONS.

Pine Apple.—I have a Pine Apple top growing. Will it ever produce fruit in this latitude, and how shall I treat it?—Mrs. F., Woodstock, Va.

Libonia Penrhosiensis.—How shall I treat this plant to have it bloom, and how old must it be to bloom? Also, what is its common name?—Mrs. B. M., N. D.

Chrysanthemums.—Will someone tell me how to care for my Chrysanthemums. They wither up and die. They were set in a box with good drainage and rich soil.—L. N.

Fig.—I have a fig tree from seed. It is about six years old and stands about five feet high, but has never fruited. Do Figs amount to anything from seed? It is a blue fig of the Smyrna variety?—Mrs. C. L. M., Cal.

Orchid.—Will someone give directions for sowing seeds of Butterfly Orchid, and caring for the seedlings?—Mrs. C. H., Mich.

Lotus and Palms.—How are these plants started from seeds?—Mrs. H. H., Ky.



BRIEF ANSWERS.

Gloxinias.—These grow and bloom freely during summer if given pots of suitable size, say from four-inch to six-inch pots, and kept in a partial shade, where they will be protected from storm and severe sunshine. In potting let the upper half of the tuber protrude above the soil. Water sparingly at first, but more copiously after growth begins. If the plants develop foliage without buds give less water and more sun. Started in the spring the plants rarely fail to bloom satisfactorily throughout summer and autumn. The same treatment will apply to Tuberos Begonias.

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Black Calla.—Plant two inches deep in rich, porous soil, and keep partially shaded and well watered. Usually the best time to get and pot the tubers is in the spring. Dry off in the fall and set the pots in a cool, frost-proof place to rest during winter. This is the treatment recommended for Arum sanctum. Other species of Arum bearing very dark flowers are often sold under the name of Black Calla. Some of them are winter-blooming, and should have their rest in summer.

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GOSSIP.

Dear Flower Folks:—Last year we grew in water the so-called Chinese Golden Sacred Lily—a very stately name and a very sweet flower—just the dear old single Jonquils we used to gather from the long rows in grandmother's garden when the March winds blew out the oak tassels, and the Violets bloomed along the borders. We were glad to have them indoors. Any of the varieties of Narcissus will bloom in water. The advantage is that they bloom sooner—in fewer days after being planted. And another advantage is the beauty of the roots and white bulbs in clear water when a handsome dish is used, and the ease with which it can be moved to the table or window without the trouble of covering pots or the fear of drainage. The growing plant is as neat and pretty and as little trouble as a vase of cut flowers.

Ellen Frizell Wycoff.

Iredell Co., N. C.

Mr. Park:—We have had a very cold winter for Oregon. During January the weather was so warm that plant life was started in great activity, the Rose bushes being nearly in full leaf, and the first of February the mercury fell at one swoop down to zero, and we had five or six days of very cold weather. Consequently the stalks of the Rose bushes are black, and we are all hoping that they will at least spring up from the root. Imagine my surprise in looking over my flowers yesterday to see my white Ageratum sprouting up; it was out all winter. I supposed it to be very tender.

Dorothy.

Wash. Co., Oregon, Mar. 4, 1899.

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Mrs. Minnie Wood.

Livingston Co., Mo., Jan. 10, 1899.

Mr. Park:—The November number of the Magazine, the first of my subscription, was duly received, but was preceded by the box of premium plants, which, I need scarcely say, has afforded me infinite pleasure. The plants were and still are in perfect condition, and form a very beautiful and welcome gift.

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Mary Breustle.

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N. M. Stephens, M. D.

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Mrs. S. C. Pierce.

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Mary E. Watteyne.

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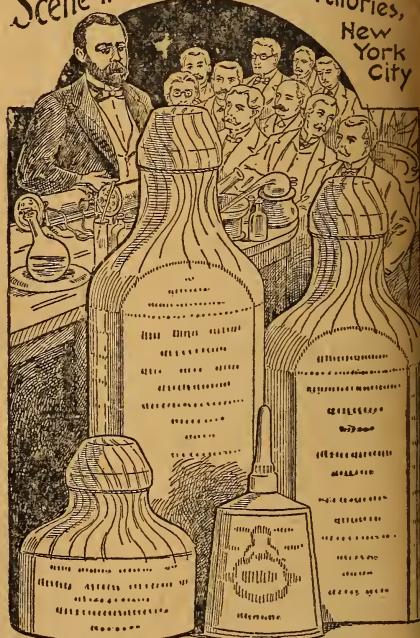
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